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Dear Wendell,

You must have a past with Dick Sprague. He could not mention your name^s in an interview with Sam Anson in the current New Times.

He appears unaware of having confessed concluding prior to investigating, which is what I told you. This is fairly explicit with JFK, explicit with Ray.

Zebra continues to stall. I believe they are not serious. I've outlined the book. If I do not have something solid from them soon I'll probably go ahead on my own. By this I mean publish the book myself.

Once I start writing I'd prefer not to take my mind from it. I will, of course. There will be no choice. But I would prefer to hold this kind of interruption to a minimum.

This is why I write.

Last week you indicated you'd finish up your west coast assignment and be in touch with me yesterday. I presume this means another assignment did not give you time.

I have to be in Washington this coming Friday. I'll begin early and near your office. Toward the end of the morning I'll be getting together with Jim Lesar on legal matters. That may or may not take me until I meet my wife home.

If you want to get together in the morning here is my schedule. I'll probably be near your office by 8 a.m. Depending on how early my ride gets up and road conditions it can be as early as 7:30. Last Tuesday it was. I have a post-phlebotic checkup at 21 and Penna. at 10. That should take less than a half hour. I have a tentative date to pick up some records at the FBI at 11, tentatively to meet Jim there and return to his office for the other work. If it is not raining I'll prefer to walk to the FBI.

You were considering listing all the committee's claims in its reports and the planted stories and comparing them with reality and what is public domain. This examination will show that the committee is merely rehashing, usually nut stuff, and in all this time has come up with nothing of substance. It will show that the claimed need for secrecy is nonsense if not a cheap stunt. One that worked, though.

If I thought the Sunday magazine would take a piece by me I'd propose it. If you do not do it maybe I still will.

Perhaps your plans have changed. Or this is too early for you. But if you want to use this time we can work in your office until I have to go to GHA, where I'll not be with the doctor for long. We could then discuss this more en route to the FBI. It is not impossible that there will be some time at the end of the afternoon, until time for my ride.

If you missed Fautroy on Harambee, aired Saturday night, I have a tape. Same stuff - all who do not fawn on him are CIA agents.

Best,